(ग) यह छूट कब तक दे दिए जाने की सम्भावना है और क्या इस छूट का लाभ आम उपभोक्ता तक पहुंचेगा ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या आवश्यक कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राजस्व विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) :(क) से (घ) चीनी पर उत्पादन शुल्क की दरों में कोई सामान्य कमी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है । तथापि, आने वाली चीनी मौसम के आरम्भिक महीनों के दौरान अधिक उत्पादन के लिए प्रोत्साहित करने हेतु चीनी कारखानों को उत्पादन शुल्क में उपयुक्त राहत देने के लिए मंत्रालय को सुझाव प्राप्त हुए हैं । इन सुझावों की जांच की जा रही है ।

Curtailment of foreign visits by Government officials

3030. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued instructions for curtailing foreign visits by Government officials as an economy measure and to conserve foreign exchange;

(b) if so, whether these instructions are also applicable to the directors of autonomous, departmental and Government aided scientific institutions; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the foreign visits undertaken by the Directors of such institutions during the last two year, date-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Government of India have issued instructions from time to time to all its Ministries/Departments advising them to restrict foreign visits of their officers to the barest minimum. Each proposal for deputation abroad is strictly scrutinised and agreed to only if the visit is considered inescapable and absolutely necessary in public interest.

(b) These instructions are not automatically applicable in case of autonomous organisations and the other institutions attached to them. In their case, suitable instructions are issued by the administrative Ministries.

(c) The information is not available and will have to be collected from all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. Collection of this information will involve considerable time and labour and the result to be achieved will not be commensurate with the time and labour involved in collecting the information.

Anti-India activities in Srinagar

3031. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently at a crowded meeting in Jama Masjid in Srinagar to mourn the death of Ayatollah Khomeni anti-India statements were made over the microphone and Indian tricolour was burnt and all this happened in the presence of the Iranian Ambassador to India;

(b) whether this incident was reported to the Home Ministry by the intelligence sources and also by the Kashmir Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government have received reports from its sources regarding the meeting on the 9th June, 1989, at Jama Masjid, Srinagar. According to these reports, the post—"Fateh Khani" (prayer for the departed soul) condolence meeting was marred by repeated disruptions by rival sections of youth owing allegiance to different groups. Some speakers made inflammatory speeches and were jeered and one was forced